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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Inderpal S. Bhandari, et al.

Application No.: 09/416,414

Group Art Unit: 3624

Filed: October 12, 1999

Examiner: Ella Colbert

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FINDING  
HIDDEN PATTERNS IN THE CONTEXT OF  
QUERYING APPLICATIONS

MS: Non-Fee Amendment  
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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 131**

Dear Sir:

WE, Inderpal S. Bhandari, Rajiv Pratap, AND KRISHNAKUMAR RAMANUJAM DECLARE AND STATE THAT:

1. We are the co-inventors of the "Method and Apparatus for Finding Hidden Patterns in the Context of Querying Applications" described and claimed in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application ("the Present Application").

2. We were advised and therefore believe that the Present Application was filed as a continuation-in-part of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/103,948 filed October 12, 1998 ("the Provisional Application").

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3. The Present Application was assigned to Virtual Gold, Inc. by all of the inventors on October 12, 1999. Exhibit H is a copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment document evidencing the recordation of the assignment on October 12, 1999.

4. Well prior to March 16, 1998, the claimed invention shown and described in the provisional and present applications was conceived and at least two prototypes were built and successfully tested, in facilities of Virtual Gold, Inc. the assignee of the present application.

5. Several documents are provided with this Declaration further establishing that the described and claimed invention was invented, that is, both conceived and reduced to practice, well prior to March 16, 1998.

6. Exhibits A, B and C are documents written well prior to March 16, 1998 and pertain to the VirtualMiner™ prototype. The VirtualMiner™ prototype comprises two parts: Analyzer and Viewer. Exhibit A describes the software requirements of the VirtualMiner.™ Exhibit B describes the architecture of the Analyzer, which is a software component that sets up and prepares data for analysis using OLAP (on-line analytical processing) as well as data mining techniques. Exhibit C describes the architecture of the Viewer. The actual date has been redacted from these documents.

7. Exhibits D, E, F, and G documents written well prior to March 16, 1998 and pertains to the ActiveTable prototype. Exhibit D describes the functional and operational elements of the ActiveTable Prototype. Exhibit E describes the viewer user interface of the ActiveTable Prototype. Exhibits F and G describe an InterScope application of the ActiveTable Prototype. The actual date has been redacted from these documents.

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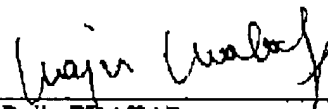
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